

BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION 2009 Competitor Biography



Sgt. Ryan Brubaker U.S. Army National Guard NCO of the Year

Current Unit of Assignment:

B Co., 1-163 Infantry Montana Army National Guard, Missoula, Mont.

Time in Service: 4 years

Sgt. Ryan Brubaker serves as an 11B20, Infantry Squad Leader with B Co., 1-163 Infantry Montana Army National Guard. He has served for 4 years, and was previously assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. He deployed twice in



support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Brubaker is Airborne, Assault, EMT, Unit Prevention Leader, Combatives Level I, Unit Armorer and Combat Lifesaver qualified.

His awards and achievements include the Overseas Service Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Army Achievement Medal (2); Army Commendation Medal (3); Combat Infantry Badge; Distinguished Honor graduate of One Station Unit Training; and selection to the Commandant's List during the Warrior Leader Course.

He has completed an associate's degree from the University of Montana, and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Forestry.

A native of Plains, Mont., Brubaker is married with two children.